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ABSTRACT

The American dilemma, with regard to race, is posed as the question of how the nation can square its lofty ideals with the base realities of racial discrimination. This study, originally commissioned by the Carnegie Corporation in 1938, makes it clear that the struggle goes on in the hearts of all Americans. The root of the "Negro problem" is the conflict between American moral valuations preserved in the American ideal and the valuations existing on specific planes of individual and group living. There is a jarring discrepancy between the professed respect for the inalienable rights of all and the pervasive violations of the dignity of blacks. Volume I contains 23 chapters, divided into the following parts: (1) "The Approach"; (2) "Race"; (3) "Population and Migration"; (4) "Economics"; and (5) "Politics." Chapters 24 through 45 and the appendixes are included in Volume II. The introduction by Sissela Bok, the author's daughter, provides insight into the author's philosophy and methodological approach. References follow Volume II. (Volume I contains 32 tables, including those in footnotes, and 5 figures.) (SLD)

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